

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A bar code generating apparatus includes
a specimen container holder which holds a container
containing a specimen, a holder conveyance device which
5 conveys the specimen container holder, a sensor which
senses that the specimen container holder is conveyed
to a specific position, a conveyance temporary stop
mechanism which operates based on the information
output from the sensor and temporarily stops conveyance
10 of the specimen container holder, a rotation control
mechanism which rotates the specimen container holder,
which stops temporarily, on an axis of the holder,
an electronic camera which picks up an image of
recording information on the surface of the specimen
15 container held by the rotated specimen container
holder, and a bar-coding device which codes the
recording information into a bar code based on data of
the picked-up image.